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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PERMREP'S COMPLAINT OF HARASSMENT

1. ROMANIAN PERMREP ION DATCU CALLED ON AMB SHERER AND ME JULY 19 TO INVITE USUN'S ATTENTION TO CONTINUING HARASSMENT OF ROMANIAN MISSION BY A GROUP OF ROMANIAN "LEGIONAIRES".

2. DATCU CITED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF ROMANIAN MISSION JULY 18 AS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SUCH HARASSMENT. HE NAMED DIMITRU APOSTOLIO AS THE LEADER OF THE JULY 18 INCIDENT AND DESCRIBED APOSTOLIO AS THE CHIEF ASSISTANT TO ORTHODOX PRIEST GALDAU WHO HEADS THE "FREE ROMANIA" MOVEMENT. DATCU STATED THAT APOSTOLIO WAS ASSISTED DURING THE JULY 18 INCIDENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS MIRCEA COSIMBESCU.

3. JULY 18 INCIDENT INVOLVED ABOUT A DOZEN DEMONSTRATORS WHO SHOUTED OBSCENITIES IN ROMANIAN AND WHO WERE ALLOWED TO COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO ROMANIAN MISSION TO TRY TO OPEN FRONT DOOR. THE SINGLE POLICEMAN ON DUTY WAS, ACCORDING TO DATCU, EITHER UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO KEEP THE DEMONSTRATORS THE REQUIRED ONE HUNDRED FEET AWAY.

THE ROMANIANS CALLED THE 17TH PRECINCT TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE BUT, ACCORDING TO DATCU, BY THE TIME THE SQUAD

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CAR ARRIVED THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD DISPERSED. ROMANIAN

REP STRESSED THE STRAIN FOR WIVES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
STAFF CAUSED BY THREATS AND OBSCENITIES.

4. I TOLD DATCU THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS COMMENTS
IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD LOOK INTO THE ENTIRE MATTER OF
THE HARASSMENT OF THE ROMANIAN MISSION. HE DEPARTED
IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HAPPY FRAME OF MIND. IN CONTRAST
TO SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN SIMILAR INSTANCES, HE DID NOT BLUSTER
OR TRY TO EXAGGERATE INCIDENT. INDEED, HE WAS ALMOST
APOLOGETIC IN HIS DISCUSSION OF IT.
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